

WYALUSING BOROUGH MEETING
Wyalusing Borough Hall
May 4, 2026

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their council meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on Monday May 4, 2026, at 7:00. Those in attendance were:

Council Members: Ali Huber, Josh Kilmer, Dee Huber, Micah Dietz, Josh VanDeMark

Absent: Brooks Blemlle

Others: Sandie Zionkowski, Boro Secretary, Bruce Pitts, Public Works Manager

Public: Warren Howeler, Eric Casanave, Jeannie Woodruff, Jon Naugle

Council member Josh Kilmer led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Josh Kilmer acknowledged the use of digital voice recorder.

Mayor's Report:

- April 11, 2026, WAEF Fundraiser
- April 13, 2026, Rainbow Club Gala
- April 14, 2026, and 28th Rotary Meeting-Suky Burgess Memorial Golf Tournament 10/3 (9-?), Skeet Shoot last Saturday for exchange students and the public, Radio Ad Fundraiser in May
- April 14th WCC Meeting
- April 14th Lions Club Meeting
- April 21st WMA Meeting
- May 2nd and 3rd WCT Performed Death Trap

Citizens' Comments & Concerns:

- Jeannie Woodruff and Jon Naugle on behalf of the Rotary made a proposal for Creekside Park to match a grant for 3 exercise stations proposing all 3 stations will be place on side of walking trails towards bank away from disc golf provided forestry allows. They are in hopes of applying by the end of May 2026 and construction will not take place until early 2027 for this project. Pressure-treated material will be utilized and the grant the rotary will apply for is \$2,000 with the rotary matching 50%. Josh VanDeMark made the motion to approve the Rotary to apply for the grant with Micah Dietz making a 2nd motion. Council are all in agreement.
- Ashley Mowing Services asked for a \$40.00 per mow raise to mow Boro Park and Creekside Park due to recent gas increases. Council agreed to increase to \$40.00 per mow temporally and to be reviewed again by end of June to see if gas prices have decreased by that time. Micah Dietz made the motion to approve temporally and

Josh VanDeMark 2nd the motion with all Council in agreement. Secretary to compile a letter to Ashley Mowing Services to explain.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of April 6, 2026, for the council meeting was reviewed by council members. There were no corrections to the minutes as presented. Dee Huber made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Micah Dietz. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

- Josh VanDeMark made a motion to pay the bills and accept the Treasurer's Report as presented second by Dee Huber; the motion was carried out unanimously by voice vote.
- The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Council members. The council accepted the report, and it was filed for audit.

Borough Maintenance/Ordinance Enforcement Officer Report:

- **Routine Town Maintenance-** Spring Brush, branch pickup daily
- Garbage pickup at borough receptacles
- Begin borough wide grass and weed service

- **NON-ROUTINE MAINTENANCE**
 - Street sweeping completed
 - Riverside drive and 5th street shoulder/berm repair as needed
 - Kilmer Creek cleanout: contacted county agencies for available information, project on hold
 - Scheduled traffic light maintenance
 - Mowing incident rock hits camper causing damage
 - Storm water basin cleaning starts

- **BUILDING & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE**
 - Borough Hall mulched and flowerbeds cleaned plants trimmed
 - Fountain serviced and operational
 - Cold water pressure washer assembled and put into service
 - 2019 F350 Dual action hoist failure- (Bradco) wiring and solenoid
 - Size up door for replacement in basement

- **CEMETERY**
 - Don schedule resumed April 7
 - Shared UTV at cemetery to aid in cleanup
 - Man, door on garage replaced

- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - Standing water on TSC property presents Health hazard
 - Riverside property clean up w/roll off service required

- **CURRENT PROJECTS**
 - Borough Park playground equipment has deteriorated
 - Parking and line painting on borough properties
 - Determine storm water runoff maintenance

- **CREEKSIDE PARK**
 - Power wash benches, pavilions and tables
 - Disk golf cards arrived, baskets upgraded
 - Walking path applied weed control, Earth Day cleanup held

- **BOROUGH PARK**
 - Playground equipment inspection (protective coating has ended life cycle)
 - Remove rotted 6x6s around pavilion, pressure wash facility, future
 - Pavilion high pressure wash, picnic tables continue to rot, replacing 4 or more

- **GUARDIAN GREEN SPACE**
 - Spring maintenance schedule and upgrades, parking area cleanup, stone wall vandalized

- **BREWER HOLLOW**
 - Remove trees from low water crossing
 - Walkabout with soil conservation district representative

- **Zoning/Permits**
 - Firehall completed – April 4th event
 - D&C Quick Mart submitted development interest to BCPC (Homet Heights Road)

- **CODE ENFORCEMENT**
 - Suggesting to council to start legal actions on dilapidated properties
 - Rat complaint State Street area
 - Riverside Drive borough property cleanup, (shed, chicken coop, dumpsters, weeds and brush)
 - Kilmer Creek, meet with Soil Conservation District representative

- **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – N/A**

- **QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL**
 1. Public Works Manages borough streets, lighting, parks, equipment etc.
 2. Abandoned and unfit for human habitation houses
 3. Deteriorated sidewalks
 4. Junk and disabled cars and trucks
 5. Discussion on do we plan to replace playground equipment in the future- it was discussed to evaluate and price the equipment that needs to be replaced
 6. 2028 -concrete walkways? Revamp? This to be discussed in the future

7. DEP to inspect dam at Brewer Hollow property

Council agreed to start the process of notifying owners of dilapidated homes and removal of junk cars. Contact our Solicitor, Jon Foster for guidance

Foster Correspondence and Report:

Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report:

- Minutes were submitted from the WMA- minutes were reviewed- no discussion on minutes.
- Heather Snyder has resigned- Erika Stroud will be her replacement.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was reviewed by Council members:

- (1) Pa Department of Labor Industry
- (2) Department of Transportation

Correspondence reviewed/ discussed- no issues

New Business:

- Review and discuss possible new intersection Route 6/Homet Heights-discussion to line up with 5th Street? Procedure to move forward must go through Bradford County Planning Commission, no application has been filed yet, and a copy will come to the Municipality when it is filed. PennDOT has a copy of application JHA filed for traffic scope meeting. This happens when traffic may change. PennDOT has no meeting established yet. Application for traffic watches was filed in March. Eric Casanave from Stiffler/McGraw explained this procedure to Council. In addition to this procedure, Bradford County publishes their deadline by June and Planning Commission has 90 days to respond. Planning Commission can solicit borough's comments and concerns to the application submitted.
- Council discussed hiring Eric Casanave from Stiffler/McGraw to help them through this process and understand the steps. Council agreed to a cap of \$2,000 for Stiffler/McGraw fees to be reviewed again in August and possibly discuss hourly rates. Motion to hire Stiffler-McGraw was made by Josh VanDeMark with Dee Huber 2nd the motion and all Council agreed.
- Eric Casanave will first call PennDOT and ask what has been submitted to date if anything. Eric will review, share with council and advocate for a middle ground with possible changes and plans coming from D&C Quick Mart project.
- Discussion of concerns surrounds the possible intersection change, Homet Heights being utilized excessively and may need to get the Township on board. Traffic signals, this will come out in traffic study. Project concerns are water runoff,

- storm water/ heavier rainfall, DEP permit, creek concerns and drainage concerns. State requirements to inspect after rain. Noise pollution, light pollution and 14 truck spaces. Backed up to residential area, ongoing maintenance of barrier.
- Positive results of Mini Mart- additional employment

- Playground equipment at Borough Park replacement / repair discussed and costs of both are being researched for discussion of future.

Old Business:

- Creekside Disc Golf project-completed
- Test drilling was completed April 29, and 30th-Creekside Park

Meeting adjourned by Josh Kilmer- 8:17

Next Meeting June 1, 2026

Submitted by,

Sandie Zionkowski, Boro Secretary/Treasurer